



TOWN OF ATLANTA

Town Council Meeting

105 E. Main Street

October 28, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Present: Murry Dixon
Fred Farley
Tim Johnson
Chris Calhoun
Pam Van Hook

Absent:

Others Present: Jennifer Farley, Clerk-Treasurer
Alex Nickloy, Attorney

Minutes: October 14, 2024 – Regular Meeting - Approved

REPORTS

Water, Wastewater, & Streets:

No report

Building Commissioner:

No report

Clerk Treasurer: Jennifer Farley

Utility Report attached

Mrs. Farley brought to the Council for their approval **Resolution R-10-2024-01**, a transfer of \$10,000 from the General fund to the Rainy-day fund that was decided for the 2025 Budget. Mrs. Van Hook made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Calhoun, Seconded.

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mr. Farley, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Calhoun, Mrs. VanHook

Mrs. Farley informed the Council she is working on the 2025 TIF Spending Plan reporting, that is a new requirement, also the renewal of our SAM number and her Notary. She will be working on the 2025 Salary Ordinance for their review and approval by December 31st.

Code Enforcement: Luke Brown

Absent

Attorney: Alex Nickloy

Annexation

Mr. Nickloy inquired about an update on the annexation. Mr. Farley said he spoke with one party who was not interested in annexing voluntarily. Mr. Nickloy informed the council if one person does not want to annex, they would need to start the process of forced annexation. He suggested still giving a detailed explanation behind the goal of annexing, to the other residents.

OLD BUSINESS

130 Meridian St.:

Mrs. Farley informed the council a \$25,013.75 wire transfer came through to the General Fund for the sale of 130 Meridian St.

Updated Availability Fee:

The council received updated numbers from Steve Brock for their review.

Festival Update:

Mrs. Farley received four requests from vendors for refunds due to tent damage and other issues. The council will not issue refunds.

Sheriff's Department Contract:

December 1st is the deadline to approve or reject the contract before it is auto renewed with the scheduled 2% increase. Mr. Farley has been in touch with Arcadia Police Chief Todd Urick. Chief Urick is available to meet with the council anytime this week. Mr. Dixon will work on setting up a meeting.

Policy Handbook:

Tabled for further review

Ball Diamond:

Kristine Smith with Tipton Baseball League was in attendance to discuss 3 options that Mr. Dixon had emailed her concerning the ball fields. (1) Delay the sale of the B.D. until the end of 2025 season. (2) Execute a lease contract that would survive a sale. (3) Pursue a sale now. After a lengthy discussion concerning lease payment, winterizing the facility, parking issues, season timeline and registration (just to name a few) the Tipton League would like to have an answer by next meeting. The council will work on deciding.

Storm Service Donation

Mr. Johnson was approached by Mr. Hunter from Hoosier Bin Company to ask if the Town could donate pallets of water to hurricane victims in North Carolina. They are taking a trailer of donations to help communities. It was decided to take baby formula instead, as there was enough water donated. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve this retroactive donation. Mrs. Van Hook, Seconded.

AYE: Mr. Dixon, Mr. Farley, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Calhoun, Mrs. VanHook

Park Board:

Mr. Johnson is very interested in establishing a Park Board. Mr. Dixon will have Park Board requirements ready for the next meeting.

Trunk or Treat:

Mr. Dixon thanked Mr. Johnson, and everyone involved in heading up the Trunk or Treat, it was a success.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Tree Lighting:

Sunday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. has been set as our 6th annual Christmas Tree lighting. The council agreed to proceed with the fireworks for the lighting. Mrs. Farley will contact Zach Burger to set this up.

Community Building Rentals:

Mr. Johnson requested information on the surrounding Community Building rental prices in the area with plans to review our current Shelter House rental prices. Deputy Clerk Annie Farley provided this information to the Council.

Old Town Garage:

Mr. Dixon shared the Old Town Garage had been mostly cleaned out. Marketplace listings were made by Mr. Dixon for the public sale of miscellaneous items that are priced under \$1000 from the Old Garage.

Annual Donation:


The Town donates \$2,700.00 annually to the Sheriff's Department Reserves for the festival security they provide. This is used for needy children in Hamilton County at Christmas. Lt. Dustin Dixon had approached the town about Operation Shop for Kids in a previous meeting. Mrs. Farley was asked by Councilmen Johnson to hold the check until the Council could decide whether to donate to Lt. Dixon and his cause. Lt. Dixon stated that he appreciates the sentiment, but the money should go to the reserves. Lt. Dixon would like the names of children and families that might need help this Christmas.

Public Comment:

Mr. Malott wanted to suggest meeting with the Arcadia Town Council instead of the Arcadia Police Chief. Mr. Dixon informed him that the chief would be their first point of contact before requesting the council. Mr. Russel interjected that he has been continually disappointed with the service that he personally has received from the Sheriff's Department in the past.

With no further business to discuss, the claims were signed and the meeting adjourned.


Murry Dixon, Council President

ATTEST: 
Jennifer Farley, I/AMC, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer

